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SUBJ: SAG REPLY ON TIRO AND DUBE DEATHS

FURTHER TO THE APARTHEID COMMITTEE'S REPORT REGARDING  
THE DEATHS OF MESSRS. TIRO AND DUBE, SOUTH AFRICAN  
PERM REP VON HIRSCHBERG HAS HAD CIRCULATED FOLLOWING  
LETTER TO SYG, DATED APRIL 18:

"I REFER TO THE REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID  
ON THE ASSASSINATION OF MR. ONKGOPOTSE AMBRAHAM TIRO  
AND MR. JOHN DUBE CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/9591-S/11254  
OF 9 APRIL 1974.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THIS MISSION ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING  
LETTER TO YOU ON 13 FEBRUARY 1974 IN CONNECTION WITH MR.  
TIRO'S DEATH (A/9580):

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED  
TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID BY THE PERMANENT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF BOTSWANA CONCERNING THE DEATH OF MR.  
ABRAHAM TIRO AS WELL AS TO THE DISCUSSION TO WHICH THE  
COMMUNICATION GAVE RISE IN THE COMMITTEE. 1/

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"I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TAKES THE STRONGEST EXCEPTION TO THE IMPUTATIONS AND INSINUATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEATH OF MR. TIRO. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA STATES CATEGORICALLY THAT IT WAS IN NO WAY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH AND THAT IT IN NO WAY CONNIVED AT IT.

"SOUTH AFRICA HAS FREQUENTLY EXPRESSED ITS STRONGEST OPPOSITION TO AND CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM OF ANY KIND. ACTS OF THIS NATURE ARE INDEFENSIBLE AND INEXCUSABLE AND CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE CONDONED. THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ACCORDINGLY ALSO CONDEMNS THIS PARTICULAR OUTRAGE BY WHOMEVER IT MAY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED."

I AM AUTHORIZED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO PLACE ON RECORD THAT THE TERMS OF THAT LETTER AND THE SENTIMENTS EXPRESSED THEREIN ARE EQUALLY APPLICABLE IN THE CASE OF MR. DUBE'S DEATH. THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA STATES CATEGORICALLY THAT IT WAS IN NO WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR MR. DUBE'S ASSASSINATION AND IN NO WAY CONNIVED AT IT. IT REAFFIRMS ITS STRONG OPPOSITION TO AND CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF TERRORISM OF ANY KIND AND ACCORDINGLY CONDEMNS MR. DUBE'S ASSASSINATION NO LESS THAN IT CONDEMNED THE ASSASSINATION OF MR. TIRO.

SINCE THERE IS NO MENTION IN THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF THE COMMUNICATION ADDRESSED TO YOU ON 13 FEBRUARY 1974 AND QUOTED ABOVE, I REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER ALSO BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

1/ SEE A/AC.115/SR.273, P. 3."  
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